

CONFIDENTIALCLASSIFICATION ~~SECRET-CONTROL/US OFFICIALS ONLY~~COUNTRY Soviet Zone of Germany REPORTTOPIC Soviet Troops in the TEMPLIN Area 25X1EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED] 25X1 25X1DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1 DATE PREPARED 7 November 1949REFERENCES 25X1 [REDACTED]PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) [REDACTED]

REMARKS

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1. a. A convoy of about 15 trucks was seen at HAMMELSPRING (N 54/U 81) early in the morning, proceeding towards ZEHDENICK (N 54/U 70). All trucks were occupied to capacity by troops.

25X1 five trucks towed antitank guns of about 76.2 mm caliber with 9 to 13 feet long barrels. [REDACTED]

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2. The over 10,000 tank, infantry and airborne troops were located in the KANNENBURG area. A high unit headquarters, previously in HAMMELSPRING, had moved to KANNENBURG. It was said to be the headquarters of a tank division.

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3. a. Allegedly 10,000 troops with several hundred tanks bivouacked in the TEMPLIN (N 54/U 81) - DENSOW (N 54/U 71) - ANNENWALDE (N 54/U 71) - BREDEREICHE (N 54/U 61) - HAMMELSPRING area. The troops held day and night firing practices with tanks, AT guns and infantry weapons.

b. Soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen constructing telephone lines near the HAMMELSPRING training area.

c. Fresh meat was unloaded from a boxcar at the TEMPLIN freight station on 22 September 1949. Ruts of recently unloaded track-laying vehicles were observed in the vicinity of the railroad station.

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a. The report indicates that the maneuvers in the area west and southwest of TEMPLIN were not completed at the end of September 1949. A previous report stated that some units allegedly left for their military posts in mid-September 1949.*

25X1 b. The headquarters of a tank division which moved from HAMBELSPRING to KANLENBURG is believed to have been the Hq of the 25th Tank Div (Cadre). Component units of this division, besides units of the 6th Gds Mecz Div (Cadre) and Hq units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army (Cadre), were confirmed in the TEMPLIN training area ☐ throughout the summer of 1949.

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